GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5727
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2001
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SC/STS AND OBCS
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the budget allocations for welfare of SC/STs and Other Backward Classes are very meager during the last three years and the current financial year i.e. 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, plan-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the entire amount allotted in the budget were fully utilised during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the allocation for the Financial Year, 2001-2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (d) & (f) A statement showing budget allocation and expenditure for 1997-98 to 2000-01 and Budget Allocation for 2001-02 is annexed.

(e) In respect of Scheduled Castes Development, there was no shortfall in utilisation of funds in 1999-2000. However, in 1997-98, 1998-99 and 2000-01, there has been some shortfall on account of low releases under National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and Post Matric Scholarships Funds could not be released to National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporations in some years since the Corporation had adequate balances with itself to meet the requirements of the State Channelising Agencies.

In respect of Other Backward Classes, it took some time to formulate schemes for this sector. Besides, adequate proposalswere not received from State Governments/UT Administrations even subsequently. Also thefunds during the year 1997-98 could not be released to the Corporation (National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBDFDC), as the Authorized Share Capital had not been enhanced beyond Rs.200.00 crore. The allocation of Rs.68.10 crore during 2000-01 could not bereleased in view of the unspent balance out of previous releases lying with the Corporation.

In respect of funds allocated for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes, the shortfall in expenditure has been due to lesser demand from the State Governments sand Voluntary Organisations.

Reply to part (a) to (d) and (f) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5727 for 25.4.2001

Statement showing BE, RE and Expenditure during the last three years i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001and BE for 2001-2002

(Amount in Crore)

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002
	BE	Exp	BE	Exp	BE	Exp	BE	Exp+	BE
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment									
Scheduled Castes Dev	771.00	597.63	759.68	652.38	745.75	746.26	787.70	766.89	854.84
Other Backward Classes	49.08	0.00	111.50	99.80	126.30	113.25	90.52	21.59	71.43
Ministry of Tribal Affairs(ST)	479.00	466.41	592.32	568.19	692.75	633.75	810.00	712.05	1040.00

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